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On 6th October, at "Inn Mor," Peak Road, the wife of JOHN A. JURY, of a daughter, aged 22. On 30th September, at Shanghai, the wife of F. S. ANDRZEJCZAK, of a son.

DEATHS.

On 21st September, at Yochow, Hunan, WILLIAM HILL KELLY, the thirteen-month-old son of Dr. and Mrs. WILLIAM KELLY. On 24th September, at Kuling, MARIAN JOAN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EVERARD FRASER, Hanow, aged 3 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 7TH, 1905.

THE complete abandonment of the clause in the convention of 1901 which provided for the establishment at Shanghai of a local River Conservancy Board, wherein all interests, native as well as foreign, were amply provided for, cannot be looked upon otherwise than as a complete victory for the reactionary party. Under cover of restoring China's territorial rights in an affair where they were never questioned, it has gone back to the old system of seeking to control everything from Peking, which in the past has proved so disastrous to all. Of course the Foreign Inspectorate has been thrown in, and the work is nominally to be under the control of the COMMISSIONER in charge at Shanghai; but the COMMISSIONER at Shanghai is but a figure-head under the command in every detail of the INSPECTOR GENERAL, and has neither say nor responsibility, but has in every matter outside the daily routine of his office to refer to the INSPECTOR GENERAL. Now, it is acknowledged that in the control of an office which ramifies through the whole of China, and in which perfect uniformity of working throughout is an essential feature, such a check is necessary; but it becomes quite a different thing when the object to be gained is the control of a river. Although

river hydraulics are a thing capable of reduction to scientific rules; yet not only does one river differ widely from another, but the same river under altered conditions varies so much that only those acquainted with its idiosyncracies are capable of forming an opinion offhand as to its requirements. This is so well known that it has become the custom in all civilized lands to leave questions of local conservancy to local control; and to interfere as little as possible from headquarters. To take a modern instance: the conservation of the Thames affects the Government of Great Britain far more closely than the conservation of the Hwangpo does the Chinese Government. Imperial control has been tried, and the result is that as a highway of trade the commerce of London has been suffering so much that of its own motion the Government is preparing to hand it over to a board locally appointed by the various interests concerned, the Government taking its part as one of these. In Liverpool, Glasgow and the Tyne, the Government does not even assume this indirect control but leaves practically the whole to the local bodies. China herself has had an example of the good effects of such a system of devolution in the recent improvements in the navigation of the river at Tientsin. This urgently-needed work had been for years in the hands of the Government at Peking, with the usual results of procrastination and pretended enquiry. During the short period when the Allied Commission was in charge, and without the necessity of going abroad even for an engineer, the much-needed work was put in hands; with the result that the bends which proved an insuperable obstacle in the way of Peking were, in a few months, in a fair way of being removed. The end is that now steamers can calculate on being able to proceed to Tientsin every tide, a thing which for years had become an absolute impossibility. In Shanghai likewise the state of the River has been for the last thirty years steadily deteriorating. Remonstrances have been sent to Peking time after time with the one result: each time the Government has responded that it was making enquiries, and as soon as they were completed it would, of its own motion, begin at once; and each time, finding that the Governments of those most interested, the local traders and local authorities, were content to take the promise for the deed, the whole has been permitted each time to slide back into the land where all things are forgotten. True, we have got the guarantee of the Inspectorate of Customs, and doubtless certain diplomatic persons ask in all simplicity, what more can you require? Now we are not going an inch too far in giving utterance to the expression that of all the reactionary bodies in China the Inspectorate General is the most so. Various circumstances have combined to bring this about. First, the law of self-defence and want of foreign support compelled the head of the office to range himself with the reactionary party momentarily in power. Secondly, recent events have forced the office into being the garnish of China's foreign indebtedness, for which the Customs revenues have been hypothecated. Had the INSPECTOR GENERAL been acquainted with the first principles of political economy he would have protested against the suicidal policy which is underlying the whole of the present system. China has for instance lost entirely her tea trade with Great Britain and the whole of the British colonies through her shortsighted fiscal policy. Instead of warning her about its evil results, we find him actually interfering to make these defects permanent. There seemed some prospects of manufactures taking root in China's new fiscal blunders, aided and abetted by the counsels of the Inspectorate General, are blighting these in the bud. Look at Shanghai Cotton Mills; look at Shanghai Docks; and ask those concerned in the management whence their difficulties proceed? The answer will afford poor gratification to those interested in the trade of the chief commercial port of China, when alongside is placed the most recent convention placing in the same hands the control of China's most important harbour. It is no secret that the chief actor in bringing about the denunciation of the convention of 1901 was the DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL; and that it was mainly owing to his representations to the VICE-ROY of Kiangnan that the false agitation about the infringement of China's sovereign rights was brought about. We do not willingly bring to the light of day these animadversions because the Inspectorate in its day has done splendid service to both China and the world at large; but the more we admire the past the more we must regret the

present. The new Convention may be a matter in itself of secondary consideration; but it is an unmistakable symptom of evils ahead both for China herself, and for those concerned in the foreign trade of the Empire.

The plague in India shows signs of decreasing. Peking is to have a corps of mounted police, like Tokyo. Rear-Admiral Dicken and Mrs. Dicken leave today for Home by the *Nubia*. Orders regarding the commencement of the Kabul River Railway will be issued very shortly. The Volunteers' camp at Stonecutters Island will be pitched on the 14th inst., and struck on the 30th. In Chinese papers it is reported that the new Yellow River bridge is unsafe for traffic and trains cannot be run over it at present.

The Times announces that the Hamburg America Line is about to put three steamers on the Hongkong-Vladivostok run.

Two companies of the H.K.S.B.R.G.A. pitch camp on Monday beyond the second milestone on the Frontier Road, Beacon Hill, for annual company course.

To-day is the festival of Chung Yang, when in accordance with custom, the Chinese will make a pilgrimage to the Peak in large numbers.

An Indian hut on the Kleinfountain estate on the East Road has been attacked by a party of Chinese, who hacked the inmates with knives, dismembering one, and injuring three others. Twenty Chinese have been arrested.

Suggestions have been made that money for the construction of railways in Anhui and Kiangsi might be raised by means of lotteries, but a Censor has pointed out that winning numbers might fall into the hands of foreigners and the idea is not likely to be carried out.

Five British cruisers and six destroyers are expected to visit Yokohama about the middle of this month. Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel will be present with his flagship, H.M.S. *Diadem*. The Japanese fleet will accord a welcome, and there will be a banquet at the Tokyo palace.

The Peking correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writes:—The extension of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance has been welcomed by the great majority of the officials. It is said that Prince Ching, to whom Mr. Uchida (the Japanese Minister) explained the Treaty yesterday, was specially pleased and satisfied about the terms.

A Peking telegram to the N.C. Daily News says:—Although it is being opposed by a French promoter, Mr. Chen Pao-shen, one of the Foochow gentry, is securing the backing of influential officials at Peking for a railway between Foochow and Amoy, about 600 Chinese li. The expense is estimated at Ts. 800,000 and it is proposed to raise the money among the Chinese.

His Majesty the Tzar, addressing General Linievitch, was guilty of a contradiction in terms in the following passage: "The self-sacrificing army, so dear to me, withstood the assault of the numerically superior enemy in Manchuria step by step during 19 months obstinately repulsing their advance." The phrase "step by step" discounts the words "withstood" and "repulsing."

At the Union Church, Shanghai, on Sept. 30th the wedding took place of Miss Debora van den Berg to Mr. Herman Hendricus Bodemeyer, one of Shanghai's prominent merchants. Miss Maud Cox acted as bridesmaid and the Misses Stewart as flower girls, while in the absence of Mr. E. C. Alexander, through an unfortunate accident, Mr. A. Artz ably fulfilled the duties of best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the house of Mrs. B. Weinstein, where many guests assembled to offer congratulations to the happy couple, and the healths of bride and bridegroom, bridesmaid, and flower girls were proposed and heartily toasted.

Mr. Bass, of Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai's foreign staff, was received in audience by the Emperor and Empress Dowager on Sept. 16th, having been summoned to Peking for that purpose. This is said to be the first interview granted to a European in Chinese employment with the exception of Sir Robert Hart. In this connection it is said that there is a prospect in the near future of the steel works, also the gun factory at the Kiangnan Arsenal, being reorganised under the direction of Kiangnan Dock officials. The intention, the N.C. Daily News understands, is to have experts in each branch brought from Great Britain.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Pitton, D.S.O. and Officers, the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, this evening:—

March—"Ave Apollo".....Volstead Overture—"Rosemaund".....Schubert Valse—"Jungfernen Tanze".....Gungl Piccolo Solo—"The Deep Blue Sea".....Brewer Masque from—"As You Like It".....German Selection of—"English Airs".....F. Godfrey

Menu—Hot D'Entrée—Anchovy—Caperes. Soup—Consommé Colbert. Fish—Boiled Fish Sauce Hollandaise. Entrees—Pigeon Parle and Macdozelle, Lamb Cutlets à la Westminster, Potatoes à la Toulouse, Curry—Madras Curry, Joint—Roast Australian Beef, Roast Capon and Celery Sauce, Boiled York Ham and Champagne Sauce, Cold Corned Ox Tongue and Asparagus Salad. Sweets—Bonny Pudding, Strawberry Ice Cream and Sand Cake, Peach Tart, Tippy Cake, Dessert—Coffee—Fruits.

The Superiores of the Italian Convent wish to express their most grateful thanks to His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan for having honoured, with his presence and kind patronage, the 'Special Sale' held at the Convent last month; as well as to all the distinguished ladies and friends of the institution who so kindly helped her. She has much pleasure in announcing that, owing to their kind support, it has been more successful than the previous one.

The American man-of-war at Chefoo were scheduled to leave on Sept. 27. The *Ohio*, *Oregon*, and *Baltimore*, and the flotilla go to Shanghai. The *Wisconsin* goes to Yokohama. The *Ohio* will proceed from Shanghai to Nanking, at which point Admiral Train will board the *General Alava* and continue some distance up the Yangtze River. The *Oregon* and *Baltimore* may go from Shanghai to Amoy. The *Raleigh* was then at Hongkong, and the *Cincinnati* in Japan. The flotilla goes from Shanghai to Manila.

The Russian Admiral Nebogetoff is a passenger on board the *Nubia*. The Admiral, who is accompanied by three Russian officers, joined the ship at Kobe. He does not associate with his fellow passengers and is very reserved. He has indicated that he does not intend to return to Russia but will spend some time in France and probably proceed to America afterwards. When a *Daily Press* representative went on board yesterday in the hope of interviewing the officer, the reply was returned "I do not wish to see anybody."

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Lord Hugh Cecil, a member of the Tanjong Pagar Arbitration Commission, arrived by the *Nubia* yesterday and paid several visits on shore. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach (who is to preside over the arbitration proceedings) and Lady Hicks-Beach and party were to have travelled by the same steamer, but the arrangement was cancelled at the last. On September 25th the party left Tokyo for Kyoto. The British Minister and Lady MacDonald, Mr. Sogeda, President of the Japan Credit Mobilier, Limited, and a number of other gentlemen saw the distinguished visitors off at the Shimabashi Station. On the way west Sir Michael will visit Kamakura and Enoshima.

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JEBSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1905. [2291]

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE CLUB LAUNCH will be at the QUEEN'S STATUE WHARF TO-DAY, at 3.30 to take members and their friends to view the SURATCH RACE.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Hon. Sec. Boat Committee. Hongkong, 7th October, 1905. [2297]

WANTED.

BY EXPORT AND IMPORT FIRM reliable PORTUGUESE CLERK. Good references required.

Apply to—Care of "Daily Press" Office.

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AN EXPERIENCED MAN of business to act as COMPTROLLER. Good references and securities required.

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TO LET.

LARGE FURNISHED BEDROOM, BATHROOM and BALCONY attached. Electric Light, convenient locality.

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MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY,

the 18th OCTOBER, 1905, at 3.00 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, the following

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, namely:

All that piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria aforesaid, registered in the Land Office as SECTION 11 of INLAND LOT No. 164. Area 760 square feet or thereabouts; terms 25 years and 924 years; Crown Rent \$17.70; together with the message thereon known as No. 142, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

S. W. TSO.

Solicitor for the Mortgagee,

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1905. [2295]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"BENCLUCH."

Captain Reid, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th October.

For Freight apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2286]

DAMPSCHEIFFS-REHDERE-UNION

ACTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT.

FOR NEW YORK.

With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.

THE Steamship

"ALBENGA."

Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the above port, on MONDAY, the 9th October.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2287]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."

Captain A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports, on TUESDAY, the 10th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2296]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SENEGAMBIA."

Captain Peter, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-Day. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst. at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2289]

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE."

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2285]

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2288]

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Hongkong, 7th October, 1905.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

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MR. A. E. PARKER has been appointed

MANAGER of our Hongkong and

Southern China Branches from 1st October, 1905.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1905. [2271]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1905. [2264]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

WE have this day REMOVED our

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1905. [2256]

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1905. [1898]

BOTHEN MARK LODGE, NO. 264.

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at the FREEMASONS HALL on TUES-

DAY, the 10th October, at 8 for 5.30 P.M.

precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially

invited to attend.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [2249]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of

Members of the above Club will be held

in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the

14th OCTOBER, 1905, at 12.15 P.M.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [2249]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY),

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1905. [2285]

INTIMATIONS



SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,

Hongkong.

To the OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BYE-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Central Division of the City of Victoria and the Western Division of Kau-lung occupied by members of more than one family must be CLEANSED and LIMB-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of September and October.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be limewashed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase—all cubicle partitions—stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs, both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The back yard should have its containing walls limewashed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be limewashed but must be cleaned.

The Central Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West. Kau-lung is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north and thereof through the Yum-tai aerodrome reservoir to the northern boundary of Kau-lung.

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 1905. [2256]

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1905. [2265]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 7th OCTOBER, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, CENTRAL, the following

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1905. [2288]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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the 9th OCTOBER, 1905, at 3 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, the following

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JOHN ON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, or to

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2184]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, the LIQUIDATORS are prepared to distribute a first and final Dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-six and Seven-tenths cents per Share to those Shareholders who apply for same and deposit their Share Certificates at the Office of the undersigned, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Liquidators.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2181]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. 1 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th October, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with Statements of Account for the year 1904 and for the half year ending 30th June, 1905, and of declaring dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED on the 9th OCTOBER to the 19th OCTOBER, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1905. [2136]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at 12 o'clock (NOON) on FRIDAY, the 20th October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th proximo, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1905. [2231]

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INTERESTING CASE AT SHANGHAI.

HONGKONG FIRM INTERPRETER.

At the German Consular court at Shanghai, on 30th September, before O. Metzger, Esq., Vice-Consul, Acting Judicially, and Messrs R. Lemke, and Fr. Fuhrmeister, Assessors, was heard the case of Estella Corinne Crombie v. Messrs Siemssen & Co.

Plaintiff was represented by Messrs. Mahnfeldt and T. Morgan Phillips. Mr. Voigts appeared for defendants.

The petition of the plaintiff says as follows:—

1.—The plaintiff is the wife of Walter Andrew Crombie, a British subject.

2.—The defendants are a firm of German merchants carrying on business at Shanghai and elsewhere.

3.—In June 1905 it became known to the defendants that the said Walter Andrew Crombie, who was the agent or manager of their Insurance Department, had embezzled large sums of the defendants' monies.

4.—Several interviews took place between Charles Brodersen, the managing partner of the defendants' firm in Shanghai, and the said Walter Andrew Crombie and the plaintiff with the view of obtaining restitution to the defendants of the monies or parts thereof which had been embezzled by the said Walter Andrew Crombie.

5.—The said Walter Andrew Crombie left Shanghai without making payment of the said sums of money embezzled by him, but, before leaving, gave to the defendant a promissory note for a large amount in satisfaction of the monies which had been embezzled by him, which said promissory note is still in their possession.

6.—The plaintiff was induced by the said Charles Brodersen to deposit with him a sum of Tails Twelve thousand Shanghai Syces (Tails 12,000 S.S.) as part of an offer by the plaintiff to pay a sum of Tails Twenty-one thousand Shanghai Syces in order to obtain the release of her said husband from liability by reason of his embezzlement.

7.—The said sum of Tails 12,000 was the private and sole property of the plaintiff. The deposit of the said sum of Tails 12,000, the monies of the plaintiff, was made by the plaintiff at the verbal request of the Charles Brodersen, as part of an offer by the plaintiff, which said offer was withdrawn by the plaintiff before she received any notice of its acceptance. The consideration on which the said sum of Tails 12,000 was paid by the plaintiff was wholly and entirely failed, and the plaintiff is entitled to the return of the said sum of Tails 12,000.

8.—The plaintiff also says that she was induced to deposit the said sum of Tails 12,000 with Charles Brodersen in the execution of and as a consideration for an improper and illegal purpose, namely to compromise criminal proceedings which were threatened by the defendants against the said Walter Andrew Crombie, and therefore the plaintiff claims the return of the said sum of Tails 12,000.

The plaintiff therefore prays:—

1.—That the defendants may be ordered to return the said sum of Tails 12,000 to the plaintiff.

2.—That the defendants may be ordered to pay the costs of this action.

3.—That the plaintiff may have such other relief as to this Honourable Court may seem meet.

ANSWER.

(Translation.)

1, 2, 3 and 4 are correct.

5.—It is true that W. A. Crombie left Shanghai without reimbursing the sums embezzled by him.

It is not true that he signed a promissory note to the full amount of the sums which he embezzled.

The promissory note amounts to Tails 20,000. The embezzlements amount to more than Tails 33,000. The Tails 12,000 which plaintiff paid and now claims and Tails 1,000 paid by defendant have therefore been deducted from the total amount of the debt.

A copy of the promissory note is enclosed as proof.

6.—It is denied that the Tails 12,000 have been deposited with defendants as a bail.

Plaintiff paid that amount to defendants definitively and as payment of part of defendants' claim arising out of the embezzlement.

Plaintiff has promised to pay further Tails 8,000 and is still obliged to pay the said sum. Defendant would claim the said amount from plaintiff in this lawsuit if the German Court were competent for the hearing of a claim against a British subject.

Proofs. Herewith copies of letters of plaintiff dated 10th June, 10th June, and 15th June.

By paying Tails 12,000 plaintiff has paid off to the amount of that sum, the debts of her husband and has no right to reclaim that money.

7 and 8.—It was not a payment that criminal proceedings should not be taken but to pay part of the claim of the defendants arising out of the embezzlement of the husband of the plaintiff.

It is not immoral and illegal to accept such a payment even if it is made so that criminal proceedings are not taken.

The defendants have not taken criminal proceedings and plaintiff did not reclaim the Tails 12,000 until her husband had left Shanghai and was safe.

Defendants ask the Court to dismiss the case.

and that plaintiff pay the costs.

Mr. Mahnfeldt read the following for respondents:—

Shanghai, 22nd June, 1905.

On demand I promise to pay to Messrs. Siemssen & Co. of Shanghai, or order the sum of Tails twenty thousand of Shanghai syces for value received.

W. A. CROMBIE.

10th June, 1905.

Dear Sir,—My husband has just informed me of the terrible facts which have come to light. Before I say anything about the matter will you believe me when I say I have until now been absolutely ignorant as to what has been going on?

I have about Tails 10,000 cash in the bank at the present moment which I intended to spend in erecting a house for us, and if you will accept it as a sort of compensation to tide over matters I shall be truly grateful.

I should like very much to see you, and perhaps more can be done by word of mouth.—Yours faithfully,

ESTELLA C. CROMBIE.

C. Brodersen, Esq.

10th June 1905.

Dear Mr. Brodersen,—I wish to confirm the offer which my husband made to you this morning, namely Tails 12,000 in cash, also the house furniture, which I reckon at lowest price Tails 5,000, my household which I value lowest at Tails 500, the Weiweiwei shares and debentures which have been handed to you already, amounting to say Tails 1,000. I have also some jewellery which I will hand to you for disposal to make up the offered sum of Tails 21,000.

This offer is made on the clear understanding that no proceedings are taken against my husband.—Yours faithfully,

ESTELLA C. CROMBIE.

Shanghai, 12th June, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Crombie,—I received yesterday evening your letter dated 10th inst., by which you confirm the offer to refund to our firm the sum of Tails 21,000 on the understanding that no proceedings are taken against your husband.

Out of consideration for your husband's brother, who is an old friend of mine, and for yourself whose acquaintance I made under such sad circumstances, I am willing to submit this lower offer, by to-day's mail to my Hongkong partners, and ask them to let me have their decision by cable.

I shall try my best to induce them to agree to your proposal, but I dare not suppose that, I am rather in doubts as to a favourable result. Could I offer a round figure of Tails 25,000 it would look far more substantial and certainly stand a better chance, and I cannot too strongly recommend that you and your husband should continue and double your endeavours to try, if in any way possible, to raise another Tails 4,000 before the mail arrives at Hongkong so that I could cable such an improved offer to my partners just at the time when they get my letter.

In conclusion I beg to ask you to send me to-morrow the Tails 12,000 cash against my firm's receipt, and I herewith guarantee to refund the money to you should your proposal not be accepted.

You will understand that we require a certain bail.—Yours faithfully,

C. BRODERSEN.

12th June, 1905.

Dear Mr. Brodersen,—I enclose herewith a cheque for Tails 12,000 in compliance with the request contained in the last paragraph of your letter.

I await your firm's receipt for the same, and accept your personal guarantee returned by the cheque should my proposal to you of the 10th instant not be accepted.—Yours faithfully,

ESTELLA C. CROMBIE.

15th June, 1905.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that after mature consideration I have come to the conclusion that it is no use for me to advance any more money than Tails 12,000 (Twelve thousand Tails) already paid (under special conditions) no matter what happens, and I hereby withdraw my offer to sell all my furniture and jewellery as stated previously.—Yours faithfully,

ESTELLA C. CROMBIE.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co.

Shanghai, 15th June, 1905.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your to-day's letter, by which you wish to withdraw the offer made by you and confirmed by your letter dated 10th inst., i.e. to raise and pay to us a sum of Tails 21,000 on condition that we do not take any proceedings against your husband, of which amount already Tails 12,000 have been paid by you as a security or bail.

We request to inform you that we cannot accept such a withdrawal, as your offer of 10th was clearly made on the understanding that it was to be submitted by mail to our Hongkong partners who were to cable us their decision, such reply being due to-morrow or Saturday.

This is a distinct arrangement to which you, as well as we, ourselves, are bound.—Yours faithfully,

SIEMSEN & CO.

Shanghai, 16th June, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Crombie.—We are requested by Messrs. Siemssen and Co. to inform you that they have received a telegram from Hongkong authorising the acceptance of your offer to pay Tails 21,000. Please, therefore, let us know by 10.30 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) morning how you propose to pay the balance of Tails 8,000 still due from you to them.—We are, Yours faithfully,

BROWETT AND ELLIS.

Mrs. W. A. Crombie.

June 18th, 1905.

Dear Sirs,—In reference to our conversation of yesterday I beg to inform you that my wife still adheres to her decision not to pay more than the twelve thousand tails which you have already received, on the understanding that no proceedings are taken against me. Any further communication must be made to my lawyer, Mr. Morgan Phillips.

W. A. CROMBIE.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co.

Mr. Mahnfeldt then argued the facts of the case, and referred to several English cases on the point of the illegality of compounding a felony.

Mr. Voigts addressed the Court briefly on behalf of his client, commenting on the correspondence, and the statements in the defendants' answer.

Mr. Phillips claimed the indulgence of the Court to make a few remarks. Plaintiff's position, he said, was this. An offer was made, in Shanghai. It was withdrawn before acceptance. It was quite clear that that arrangement was withdrawn. Mr. Mahnfeldt had quoted English law with regard to compounding a felony. Any arrangement to suppress or stifle criminal prosecution, or in other words to compound a felony, was wholly void. It was the same, he believed, in German law.

He had the honour to appear in that Court last year to defend a person who was charged with a precisely similar fraud to that committed by Crombie. The accused's friends paid a certain amount of money to his employers and they agreed not to prosecute. Accused then left for Europe, but the matter came to the ears of the German Consulate and they, quite properly, considering that the offence was committed against the German Crown, had him arrested at Singapore. He was brought back and tried before that Court, and although they were quite aware of the arrangement not to prosecute, he was sentenced to a suitable term of imprisonment.

The Court announced that judgment would be given next week.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West. Sunday. Morning prayer 11 a.m.—Venite, Elvay, Te Deum, Hymns; Jubilate, Hymns; Hymns, 1, 299, 337, and 277. Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Magnificat, Crotch. Hymns: Dimitti, Monk; Hymns, 469, 486, 493, and 504.

The Church launch Day-spring, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. The "Answering Penman" is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappreciated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

ASHLEY ROAD HALL, Kowloon, No. 6, Ground Floor.—Services: Lord's Day, 11 a.m., Brexking Broad. Lords Day, 6.30 p.m., Gospel Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible Class, Thursday, 7 p.m., General Meeting, Saturday, 7 p.m., Fra. Meeting.

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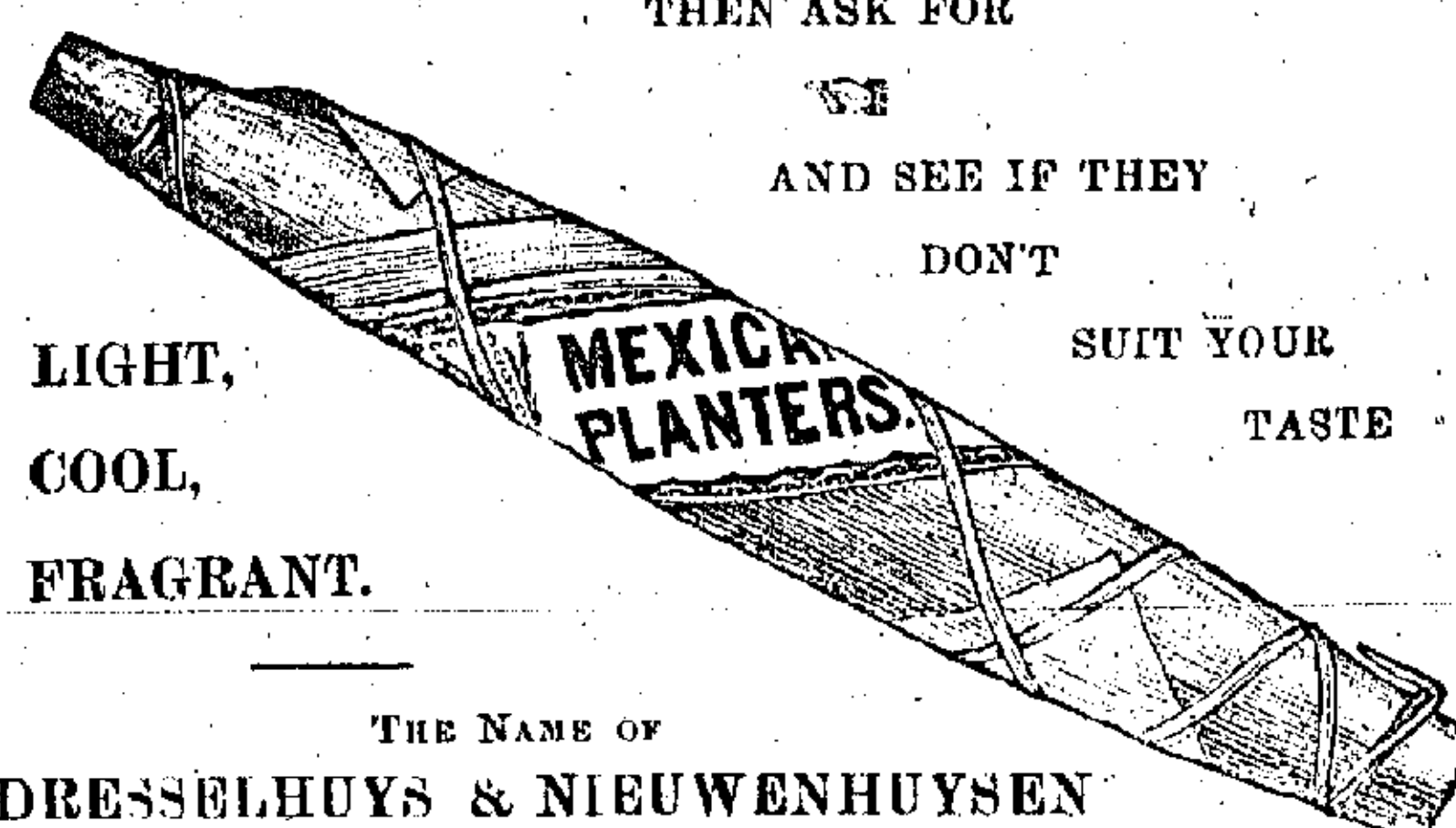
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ARCADIA, British str., 5,454, G. Schmidt, 19th
Sept.—Moj and Shimonezaki 13th Sept.
Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ATLANTIC, American str., 960, Aldinger, 1st
Oct.—Manila 25th September, General.
Order.

BRENDEN, British str., 2,505, James Potter, 13th
Sept.—Shanghai 10th Sept., General.
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BLACKHEATH, British str., 1,719, W. T.
Shorborne, 15th Sept.—Sourabaya and
Probolinggo 3rd Sept., Sugar.—Dodwell
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BORNEO, German str., 1,344, F. Sembill, 25th
Sept.—Sandakan 20th Sept., Timber and
Order.

BOURBON, French str., 397, Sisco, 7th Sept.—
Saigon 3rd Sept., General.—Chinese.
Capri, Italian str., 4,195, G. Belsito, 3rd Oct.—
Bombay and Singapore 27th Sept., General.
—Carlovitz & Co.

CHOYSANG, British str., 1,424, T. W. Selby, 5th
Oct.—Shanghai 2nd October, General.
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CLAYBURN, British str., 2,154, D. Barton, 6th
Sept.—From Salina Cruz, Balboa—China
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DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 899, H. Ohta,
4th Oct.—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 3rd
Oct., General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

DUNDAS, British str., 1,354, H. G. Case, 25th
September.—Calcutta 19th Sept., Coals.
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EIGER, Norwegian str., 875, Fingelsen, 4th
October.—Wuhu 23rd September, Rice.—
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ELTA, Norwegian str., 1,130, W. Lassen,
5th Oct.—Swatow 4th October, Ballast.—
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EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, R.
Archibald, R.N., 20th Sept.—Yancowever
4th Sept. and Shanghai 23rd, Mail and
General.—C. P. R. Co.

HAILAN, French steamer, 377, Andersen, 2nd
Oct.—Hobow 30th Sept., General.—
A. R. Harve.

HELSA, German str., 1,359, Hans Rohde, 1st
Oct.—Chinking 26th Sept., Oil, Rice and
Wharf.—Siemssen & Co.

HINSANG, British str., 1,536, W. S. Sawyer,
4th October.—Java 24th September, Sugar.
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ITHAKA, German str., 1,416, H. Eckhorn, 4th
Oct.—Swatow 3rd October.—Hamburg-
Amerika Linie.

KAMPO, French str., 412, Te Bell, 3rd Oct.—
Saigon 9th Sept., General.—Chinese.

KANSE, British str., 1,448, Dawson, 4th Oct.—
Swatow 3rd Oct., General.—Butterfield
& Swire.

KUTSANG, British str., 3,109, Bradley, 1st Oct.—
Singapore 28th Sept., General.—Jar-
dine, Matheson & Co.

KWANLEE, Chinese str., 1,467, Milligan,
3rd October.—Shanghai 30th September,
General.—C. M. S. S. Co.

LAERTES, British str., 1,341, J. B. Jackson, 1st
Oct.—Saigon 27th Sept., Meal and Gen-
eral.—Chinese.

LANGKAT, German str., 2,300, Sperling, 7th
Aug.—Saigon 2nd August, Ballast.—
Jensen & Co.

LOYAL, German str., 1,582, L. Lorenzen, 2nd
Oct.—Saigon 27th Sept., Salt.—Sander,
Wieler & Co.

PONAPE, German str., 125, H. Martens, 6th
Sept.—Ponape 13th Aug.—German Consul.
RAJABURI, German str., 1,180, G. Wendig, 1st
Oct.—Bangkok 21st Sept., Rice and
Meal.—Butterfield & Swire.

SHAOHSING, British str., 1,307, Northcombe,
2nd Oct.—Shanghai 25th Sept. and Amoy
1st Oct., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SUISANG, British str., 1,776, T. Mitchell, 3rd
Oct.—Java 3rd Sept., Sugar.—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.

TAIYU, British str., 1,458, I. Dawson, 2nd
Oct.—Sydney 11th September, General.—
Butterfield & Swire.

THIMAH, Dutch str., 2,469, N. de Brouwer, 4th
Oct.—Yokohama via ports 17th Sept.,
General.—Java-China-Japan Line.

TOLV, Norwegian str., 741, J. Enger, 5th Oct.—
Rajung 27th Sept., Timber.—Bradley
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VICTORIA, Chin str., 934, J. F. Messer, 3rd
Oct.—Newchwang 24th Sept. and Chefoo
26th, Bulk Beans and General.—Order.

WAHORA, British str., 1,167, W. Brown, 5th
Oct.—Penang, Singapore and Hoihow 4th
Oct., General.—Chinese.

WIK, German str., 2,509, Carstens, 25th Sept.—
Moj 21st Oct.—Jensen & Co.

WONGKAI, German str., 1,270, W. Reher, 3rd
Oct.—Bangkok 27th Sept., Rice.—Butter-
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ZAPHO, British str., 1,018, R. Rodger, 2nd
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(Continued from last Saturday.)

While this good morning was travelling down the river there arose a typhoon during which a boat-tail dragon rushed over the water and threw the boat on its beam-ends. The boatmen thought that the gods were offended with him for having accepted a present from the people he had governed, and he cast the inkstone into the water. Directly afterwards the wind died away, the boat righted itself, and an island—which is known to this day as Inkstone Island—rose up from the waters in the very place where the stone was thrown away.

A group of boats now sprang up, and the boatmen went to assist in setting the sail and lowering the rudder, and the boat was soon gliding along at about six knots an hour. After passing the Fan-ti creek, where there are many warehouses for merchandise and beautiful gardens, the course was changed, and as Sulphur Creek was approached, a small, three-storied pagoda, embosomed among the foliage of water-cedars, made a good landmark which indicated the site of the famous grounds which originally belonged to one of the wealthy old-time Hong merchants, named Pun-tin-qua.

The boat now entered the creek and landed our passengers a short distance from its mouth. Following a winding path which led past the pagoda and over a frail artistic bridge that spanned a lake, the surface of which was covered with water-lilies, they found themselves in a lovely fairy-land many and in extent. To the left of the boat was an octagonal pavilion with a richly gilded roof made to represent an inverted lotus flower—the latter being held in great veneration by the disciples of Fo—and beneath its shelter stood two cleverly sculptured figures, one of which was pointing towards a bright-colored pleasure-boat moored near the western bank of the lake, which was fed by tributary streams that meandered among miniature landscapes.

They wandered through latticed pavilions, shady groves, and sylvan glens, and for some time neither Montrose nor Cheng spoke, for the former could not express the veneration and appreciation in which he was, and the latter was reminded by these sights of his distant home to which his thoughts naturally reverted.

"After all," at length said Cheng, looking coldly around him, "in our own eyes and hearts there is no place like home—though we do not always realize this until we are absent, and in a manner estranged from it; and seems which resemble the familiar ones of our native place awake within us old memories and affections for those who are dear to us, and those objects and localities with which they are associated. Do you often think of your home?"

"Yes," said Montrose, somewhat pensively, "and I can admire and sympathize with the feelings which prompt your words. And for the reasons you have mentioned, I think it is good to sometimes withdraw one's self from home; moreover, by doing so we break through that shell of narrow-mindedness in which we are hatched."

They now seated themselves in a summerhouse covered with jasmine, and Montrose lit a cigar, while his companion politely kept him company by smoking a cigarette.

"One can picture," continued Montrose, "the great merchants of Canton sitting here with their supercargoes of the East India Company's ships, in the good old times of a hundred or more years ago, and trading the much-prized pepper while they transacted business which sent shiploads of tea, spices and rich silks to the far-away markets of the Western Hemisphere."

"Yes, it is a pleasant spot and, besides being full of memories, is no doubt a lucky one," said Cheng, "for, as you see, all the paths are circuitous, thus tending to confuse and keep away evil spirits who, as a rule, like to follow broad and straight tracks; and in the formation of the miniature landscape the wind and water influences seem to have been carefully attended to."

Having rested awhile, they entered the Fountain Court, which used to be the summer retreat of the Pun-tin-qua family. It was a most romantic place; in fact, quite a fairy-land, and consisted of numerous highly-decorated buildings with verandas and colonnades and separated by an expanse of clear water, dotted with lotus and lily pads, and upon which at odd intervals and observatories mounted on rockwork and reached by winding stairs.

The interior of each building was traversed by galleries and corridors supported by marble pillars all being exquisitely sculptured, while the various rooms and halls were ornamented with stucco-work and brilliant frescoes, and the windows faced with the tracery and fretwork, all being gorgeously painted.

"These halls are some of all the glory which belonged to the past," said Cheng, sadly gazing upon the deserted chambers.

"Where are the descendants of those who once graced this palace?" he continued somewhat bitterly. "Perhaps they were loyal to their country and have been stamped out of existence. Truly there seems no more glory left in this once proud and mighty empire; for all that was most noble and beautiful in it has been condemned and exterminated to make way for the tyrannical and exclusive rule of the time-serving rascals and mercenary murderers."

"Some day, my honourable friend," he added, turning to Montrose, and laying his hand upon his arm, "you will more thoroughly realize the truth of my words, and will see that the people of China do not require conversion to your faith, but the enlightenment of freedom. They are now robbed, deceived and oppressed, and are led to believe by their crafty task-masters and in the foreigner is the cause of all their grief and poverty. We Southerners know better than this, though the down-trodden slaves of Central and Northern China are pitifully ignorant and, like water-buffaloes, are led by a ring in the nose."

"I do not doubt that there is much truth in what you say," answered Montrose a little coldly, "but I maintain that any free country people have found the true God—have found faith in Christ—and are able to look to heaven for rest and consolation—they can never know real happiness or unity of purpose."

"Theological arguments are apt to cause discussion among the best of friends," said Cheng with a smile; "but, although it would gain me to hurt your feelings or lose your esteem by discussing so delicate a subject as our religious creeds, with all due deference I submit that the same ideal of a codified and flawless the hearts of all men and underlies the outward signs of all forms of worship."

After spending some happy hours in wandering about the grounds and conversing upon various topics, they returned to the boat and at sundown arrived at the Shamoen. They were both hungry, not having had any food except a

few rice-cakes and some tea since the morning, and Cheng gladly accepted an invitation to dine with Montrose, his staunch servant also partaking of the Englishman's hospitality and enjoying a game of dominoes with some of his countrymen who were in foreign service; and thus another pleasant day passed.

CHAPTER XVII.—THE RESCUE AND FLIGHT.

Our two friends spent their time advantageously, and their friendship was further strengthened. Cheng took lodgings in a monastery, and gave his mind to study; and Montrose worked hard at the Chinese language, so that they saw very little of one another for some weeks. But one morning Cheng came to Montrose in a high state of excitement, and having come out third among the nine thousand competitors for the second degree, he said; and then his face became livid with anger and indignation as he added, "but my sorrow is nevertheless great, for it has just come to my knowledge that the chief magistrate has had poor Tai Mo-kwah thrown into prison with his father, and has ordered both to be executed."

"This is very dreadful," said Montrose, "I have passed my examination, and have come out third among the nine thousand competitors for the second degree, he said; and then his face became livid with anger and indignation as he added, "but my sorrow is nevertheless great, for it has just come to my knowledge that the chief magistrate has had poor Tai Mo-kwah thrown into prison with his father, and has ordered both to be executed."

"You are very good," said Cheng earnestly, "and seeing you has given me fresh hope. I am now going to try and obtain an audience with the Imperial Commissioner who is a powerful man, and having testified his approval of your words and verse essays during his examination, he may feel disposed to exert his influence in behalf of Mr. Tai or his dutiful son."

After walking some distance together, they separated, one going towards the British Consulate, and the other making his way to the Examiner General's Yamen, which was situated near the Kung Yuen, or Examination Hall, in the south-eastern corner of the city.

On arriving at the triple-gateway of the Examiner's residence, Cheng—who was dressed in his best, with a gilt button of the second degree on his hat—summoned the door-keeper to whom he gave his card and a gratuity. After a time he was admitted into the first courtyard, where he was met by a petty mandarin, who inquired into the exact nature of his business, and also the length of his purse, which was again opened before he allowed him to pass and towards the second barrier, where other officials were waiting, though some degree of awe was shown to the one who, in spite of his youthfulness, had raised himself to a position far above the common herd. After waiting some minutes in an ante-room a tinghai escorted him into the presence of Cho Han-luh, the Imperial Commissioner, who was a tall, stalwart Kwang-si man, with a frank and benevolent countenance.

On being introduced, Cheng respectfully stated his mission and petitioned His Excellency to take a lenient view of the matter which he had presumed to bring before his notice and, if inclined favourably toward the prisoners, to use his benevolent influence to obtain the release of either the father or the son.

The Commissioner listened patiently and a smile of paternal admiration crept into his face as he looked down upon the upturned face of the youthful suppliant.

"My young friend, your words move me to compassion," he at length said, kindly leading Cheng to a seat, "but I am afraid that it does not lie in my power to be of much service to you. If the prisoners, for whom you so eloquently plead, did not belong to either of the Kwang provinces, there might be a chance of rescuing them; but as it is, I am afraid nothing can be done to save them, and that they will surely die at the appointed time, unless something extraordinary happens. However, I will at once see the Chief Magistrate and will at least endeavour to obtain for you an interview with your unfortunate friends."

Cheng thanked his kind-hearted patron, who then dismissed him with injunctions to be careful what he did, and to return to him in an hour's time. So our young friend retraced his steps to the Shamoen, and again met Montrose, whose look was anything but reassuring.

"I have just seen the Consul," he said, "and he informs me that he has no legitimate right to appeal to the Chinese authorities in behalf of our friends, and can only do so in the case of humanity."

"There seems little hope of obtaining mercy, because the victims of humanity is foreign to the hearts of the vicious tyrants who rule over us and who desire to exterminate the Cantonese root and branch," said Cheng, biting his lip, and impatiently tapping the ground with his foot. He then proceeded to relate to Montrose his conversation with the Imperial Commissioner.

"He is a good, honest man," he concluded, "but, being a Southerner, has many enemies who would gladly have him degraded; and the Yamen is a nest of gripping Northern spies. The prison must be a thousand times worse."

"You shall not go to the prison alone," said Montrose, with much energy. "I will come with you, and we will take some creature comforts to our luckless friends and friends for whose deliverance I would do anything."

"I am sure you would, for your heart is clean and brave," replied Cheng, grasping his hand and pressing it; "and, after we have seen them, we shall better know how to assist them."

After resting and partaking of some refreshment, they started for the Examiner General's Yamen, and, on arriving there, Cheng went in to see the Imperial Commissioner, while Montrose waited outside.

"I have seen the Chief Magistrate," said His Excellency, after exchanging further courtesies with his visitor, "but, in spite of my protests and strongly-urged extenuations and also recommendations to mercy, he remained obdurate, saying that the death sentence had already been signed by the Viewroy, and would be carried out on the eighth day of the moon, which is to-morrow."

"However," he added, handing a paper to Cheng, "I have prevailed upon him to grant you this permit, which is made out for one Tang Weng, that is yourself, and which authorizes him to enter the goal and hold converse with the prisoners in question."

"Sir, no words of mine could adequately express my gratitude to you," said Cheng, respectfully receiving the paper with both hands; "and from the precautions you have wisely and graciously taken to secure my identity, I feel confident that you would never betray me."

There was something in Cheng's brilliant eyes which made the good mandarin turn kindly towards him and place a hand upon his shoulder.

"Be careful, my young friend," he said, in a subdued fatherly voice, "for you have a great future before you, if you be mindful of it. We live in troublous times, but in the midst of them we must keep our faces calm and our mouths silent, lest we be dragged into the vortex of a whirlpool from which there is no deliverance."

With low obeisances and murmured thanks

Cheng took leave of the worthy Commissioner and at once rejoined Montrose with whom he proceeded to the prison, though pausing at intervals to purchase a few little luxuries which might be a boon to the prisoners; and among these things—much to the surprise of his companion—Cheng included a large jar of strong *sauces* which he smilingly carried under his arm.

Besides being a discoverer of secrets, wine is sometimes more effective than the force of arms or words, and the only reply he made as his reasons for taking so much liquor to his friends.

On arriving at the prison they were admitted by a sallow-looking Shaung man, who informed them that he was under-gaoler and in immediate charge of the prisoners. Conducting them to a dirty little room, he took Cheng's pass to the head-gaoler for inspection, and that functionary soon returned with him to inform them that the foreigner could not enter the cell, as only one person was mentioned on the pass. However, Montrose produced some good Mexican dollars, which soon put another complexion upon the matter and, with many smiles, the rascally official bowed and retired, saying that, although he himself might risk losing his post for disobeying orders, he could not feel heart to deny any favour to such a gentleman.

The under-gaoler now led the way to a row of cells, the smallest of which he opened, allowing the visitors to enter; and, as they did so, an unpleasant odour assailed their noses. It was a low-roofed, filthy den with a mud floor and little ventilation, there being only a small grate in the roof, and, as a stream of light came through the open door, they saw two people sitting huddled together in a corner. They were the two men who were doomed to death on the morrow.

Cheng at once approached them, at the same time asking in a tremulous voice whether they were well; for at first they had not moved, and he was horror-stricken at the sight of their misery.

Mo-kwah introduced his worthy parent to the visitors, and, although the poor men's clothes were hanging in rags, he bowed and received them with all the courtesy and amiability of better days, seeming to forget his plight and give dignity to his distress. While his son was eagerly conversing with Cheng, he engaged in conversation with Montrose, whose heart went out to him in pity and respect.

"It is an infamous shame," said the latter, looking around the squalid cell, "that you and your dear son should be confined in such a filthy pen; why the place is not fit for animals, much more human beings."

"It is kind of you to speak like this," said Mr. Tai, with a smile of calm resignation, "but it might be worse, and our sufferings will soon be over; what we feel most is not being able to obtain enough water with which to wash ourselves, and we urgently need it in a place like this."

For a few moments Montrose excitedly paced the cell, his heart being full of overflowing pity and indignation.

To think that heaven allows such sufferings and indignities to be involuntarily exclaiming, turning to the unfortunate prisoner.

"Have you meddled with the petty contrivances of man," said the latter in a composed voice, "for it has provided that by the laws of Nature man moulds his own life and works his own destruction and redemption."

"Although we may die," he added, "and the persecutors of my race survive us and many nobler patriots, there will surely come a day of reckoning—a day when outraged humanity will rise and overthrow the Manchoo-Tartar dynasty with swift and summary retribution."

"Were you in hopes," asked Montrose, "of overturning the Government of Canton by the revolt in which I presume you were implicated?"

"We should have done so, had not the plans of our leader, Dr. Sen Fa Tai, been betrayed by the British Consul, who is supposed to have obtained his information from the Hongkong police. For the province of Kwangtung alone there are two million able men ready to fight to the bitter end for the freedom of their country. Remember how they suffered, round the standard of rebellion raised by the Taipings; and they are ready and impatient to do it again."

"A life like yours ought not to be lost," said Montrose with fervour and admiration. "Then he added thoughtfully, "It might be saved—how are you guarded tonight?"

"These are our strongest guards," said the prisoner, rapidly looking upon the massive iron bars which encumbered his limbs; "but besides these and the bars of the cell, there is the gate-keeper and guard and also a couple of soldiers who generally pass their time in playing cards in the guard-room. They are relieved by two others at midnight when the head-gaoler visits the cells."

Mr. Tai now called Cheng to him, at the same time looking curiously towards the door and drawing from his garments a small roll of paper.

"I have written, in spite of being rigidly searched, to secure this document upon me," he said, speaking quickly, "and as it contains the names and addresses of many important members of the Reform Party as well as other information, I shall be most deeply grateful if you will endeavour to personally deliver it into the hands of Dr. Sen Fa Tai, since this is a dangerous mission."

"At least, as I recently heard through a fellow prisoner, I am not aware of his address, but if you go to No. 6, Shin Hing Lane, Hongkong, and ask for Mr. Chee Low, no doubt that gentleman will inform you of his whereabouts."

Cheng promised to deliver the papers directed, and then he and Montrose gave the prisoners the few things they had bought and took leave of them, Cheng remaining behind for a minute to whisper certain words of comfort and encouragement. But, strange to say, instead of giving his friends the large jar of strong wine, he handed it, together with some silver, to the under-gaoler, who, by his brutal treatment, had made their lives almost unbearable.

"You have been kind to my poor friends, so take these things," he said with a bland smile, "and, as they have now only a few hours to live, I want you to arrange them still more and alleviate their sufferings a little by frothing their weary limbs of those heavy iron, which are of no use now for both of them are to walk. I will call again tonight to take final leave of my friends, and if I find you have complied with this trivial request, you shall be liberally rewarded. In the meantime you can drink this good wine, but do so with moderation, as too much strong liquor is bad."

"You are a kind gentleman," said the grating rogue, "and I will do all I can to make those poor friends of yours comfortable."

Cheng now rejoined Montrose, who was waiting for him, and they left the prison. Directly they were clear of it, the former stopped abruptly and turned to his companion.

"Those two noble patriots shall not perish without an effort being made to rescue them," he said, regarding Montrose steadily, "and if my intention to leave for Hongkong at once is in order that I may if possible confer with Dr. Sen, I have surmounted one great obstacle by bribing the gaoler to remove the prisoners."

iron, and the wine will be an auxiliary force in favour of their escape."

"I am heartily with you!" replied Montrose, impulsively grasping his hand. "Like you, I could not abandon that heroic couple to their fate without putting forth my whole strength to save them; and, since mortal expedients are of no avail, we must perform resort to physical ones."

"Let me see," he continued, consulting his watch, "it is now nearly two o'clock, and it would take us at least six and a half hours to reach Hongkong, and there is no boat leaving here until five o'clock; so a return journey would be impracticable in the time at our disposal. For if our friends are to be saved, they must be saved before the dawn of another day, and, moreover, there must be means of eluding pursuit and of immediately removing them from Canton. Since it would be impossible to obtain in this city a launch which would suit our purpose, I will telegraph to a friend of mine in Hongkong, asking him to charter a fast launch, and arrange that it arrives here by half-past eleven o'clock to-night. It can then await us with steam up, so as to be ready for instant flight."

"You are indeed my true friend!" exclaimed Cheng with earnest gratitude; "and your plan of departure is good. But as it will be advisable for me to leave Canton, should my friends do so, I will now return to my lodgings and instruct Ah Sam to prepare my luggage. I shall remove my money to a good stable where they can remain for a few days until I commence my homeward journey."

"Bring your things to my lodgings," said Montrose, "and, as I am soon leaving for a trip north to Shanghai, I will accompany you to the wharf."

"About how much will the hire of the launch be?" asked Cheng, "as I will prepare the money."

"Never mind about that," replied Montrose; "if we are to be good friends, there must be no standing upon trifles between us. My purse is well filled, and at your service."

(To be continued.)

COUNT OKUMA AND FOREIGN LOANS.

Count Okuma, in an interview, said:—The main reason for my objections to foreign loans just now is that the introduction of capital from abroad is likely to disturb the post-bellum finance. The Japan-China War of 1894-5 upset the equilibrium of foreign trade that had been maintained before hostilities broke out, and the excess of imports over exports has continued since then. The cause of this phenomenon must be attributed to the inflow of foreign capital. The inflow of money which must have come into Japan during the last ten years amounts to 550 million yen, to which, adding the difference between imports and exports, the annual average amount of money sent by Japan abroad during the ten years will come to 70 million yen. The greater part of the money Japan has retained abroad has been supplied to payment for the goods imported.

Although the excess of imports in war time is inevitable, a similar phenomenon in time of peace must be regarded with apprehension. The fluctuations in exchange may in some measure be responsible for the adverse tide of trade, but the principal cause must be sought in the fact that Japan had been possessed of too much foreign money in the shape of the Chinese indemnity and the three foreign loans that were raised. If Japan raises further loans abroad for the purpose of adjusting the post-bellum finance, foreign trade will have no opportunity to recover its equilibrium. Moreover, the time seems ripe for the investment of foreigners in enterprises in Japan even without artificial encouragement. In short, the raising of foreign loans must be avoided as far as possible under the circumstances, as it tends to encourage the unfavourable trend of foreign trade.

ARMAMENT OF FRENCH WARSHIPS.

The *France Militaire* publishes an article on the armament of the new French battleships. These vessels will have a displacement of 15,000 tons, against the 15,000 tons of their immediate predecessors. The additional 3,000 tons will not be used to increase the thickness of the armour, which for instance, will remain at 1 in. and be carried 10.8 feet above the waterline, as in the *Paris* type; but the increased displacement will enable a greater weight to be allocated for the guns. The new battleship of 18,000 tons will carry four 12 in. guns in turret fore and aft, and 12 9.4 in. guns also in pairs in twin turrets. In order to illustrate the progress in the weight of the guns carried, the *France Militaire* gives the following figures:—*Breuvant* three 13.3 in., 10 in. 6.4 in.; *Charles Martel*, two 12 in., two 10 in., eight 9.4 in.; *Charlevoix*, four 12 in., ten 9.4 in., eight 3.9 in.; *Jena*, four 12 in., eight 6.4 in., eight 3.9 in.; *Suffren*, four 12 in., ten 6.4 in., eight 3.9 in.; *Pulver*, four 12 in., eight 6.4 in.; *Toulon*, four 12 in., ten 7.4 in., battlement of 18.0 in. guns, four 12 in., twelve 9.4 in. A new method of loading the 12 in. gun, which will be introduced on board the *Paris* and will succeed in saving weight, will enable it to be fired at the rate of three rounds in two minutes. The 9.4 in. gun throws a shell of 375 lb., with a muzzle velocity of 2,697 ft. per second, being 270 ft. greater velocity than that of a projectile of the same gun of the same calibre of ten years back. The shell has a c.p. and it will penetrate 16 in. into Harvey-d steel at a range of 3,300 yards, with incidence at zero, and 13.4 in. with an incidence of 30 deg. The gun can fire twelve rounds a minute. In the new battleships the guns of 2.5 in. and 1.8 in. will be superseded entirely by guns of 2.5 in. of the 1902 model improved.

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